Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 22 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 23 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 22 Dec 2021 at 04:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for timing of arrival of precipitation on Wednesday, and for northward extent of milder air on Wednesday evening. High for unsettled weather on Thursday, and for a return to somewhat drier and colder weather from Friday onwards.

Headline for Wednesday 22 Dec 2021: Dry for the morning, rain (locally freezing) and snow spreading north after dark

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 22 Dec 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
00%	10%	40%	80%	80%	90%

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Dec 2021

Weather: Dry start with thickening cloud. Rain, locally freezing, and snow, mainly above 800m, spreads north from late morning, occasionally heavy in the afternoon. Turning lighter in the evening with snow confined to the highest tops, perhaps rain at all levels. A lot of uncertainty into the timing of the northward progress of any warmer air and duration and extent of snow.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% in the morning. 20% in the afternoon

Visibility: Mainly very good in the morning with only small amounts of low cloud, but becoming poor in snow and extensive low cloud down to 400-600 metres once precipitation arrives.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/22 W	21/24 S	23/26 SE	20/24 SE	17/21 SE	14/17 SE	14/17 E
900	9/11 SW	9/10 S	13/16 S	17/22 SE	15/19 SE	12/16 SE	9/11 S
600	8/9 NE	10/12 NE	10/13 NE	10/13 E	8/10 E	8/10 E	9/11 E
300	5/7 NE	6/7 NE	5/7 NE	8/11 NE	6/9 NE	4/7 E	5/7 NE
Glen	4/7 E	5/8 NE	4/8 E	5/9 E	5/8 E	4/8 E	4/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	0/-6	2/-4	1/-5	-0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-6	0/-5
900	-2/-7	-1/-5	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	-0/-6	0/-4
600	1/-2	2/-2	3/-1	4/0	3/0	2/-1	3/-0
300	1/-2	2/-1	3/1	4/0	4/1	3/2	3/1
Glen	0/-2	1/-2	2/0	3/0	3/1	4/2	4/2
Freezing Level*	200m	400m	800m	1300m	1100m	1500m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Potential for some icy surfaces to develop in the afternoon and evening. Freezing level may end up higher than shown later in the day especially across the west and south of the area, but very low confidence in this aspect.

Forecast for Thursday 23 Dec 2021
Weather: An overcast day with some patchy rain in the morning, this turning more persistent and widespread through the afternoon and evening. Rain may turn to snow on the highest tops across Lochaber and northern Argyll late evening.

Maximum wind: Southeasterly 20 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance

Visibility: Poor in widespread low cloud down to 500 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 2000 metres, perhaps falling back to 1200 metres in the north of the area later in the day

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